
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Hawaii interagency council on
2 homelessness, in conjunction with and the advisement of the
3 department of human services and department of land and natural
4 resources, shall establish a working group to examine and
5 develop recommendations related to the establishment of safe
6 zones for persons experiencing homelessness. The members of the
7 working group shall designate a chairperson from among
8 themselves.

9 (b) The working group shall consider the following:

- 10 (1) The target population to be served by safe zones;
- 11 (2) Recommendations of potential sites to be designated as
12 safe zones; provided that the sites shall be state
13 lands designated within the urban district by the land
14 use commission;
- 15 (3) The type of facilities or dwelling units permitted
16 within a safe zone, including the use of modular
17 structures;



1 (4) Strategies to transition inhabitants of a safe zone to
2 permanent housing that utilizes the housing first
3 approach;

4 (5) The timeline necessary for planning and implementation
5 of a pilot safe zone for persons experiencing
6 homelessness;

7 (6) The estimated costs of planning and implementing a
8 safe zone; and

9 (7) The potential scope of liability of the State and its
10 employees and agents with regard to the establishment
11 of safe zones.

12 (c) The working group shall submit a report of its
13 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
14 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
15 to the convening of the regular session of 2018.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
19 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
20 year 2018-2019 to support the activities of the working group
21 established pursuant to this Act.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2075.

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Report Title:

Homelessness; Working Group; Safe Zones; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Hawaii interagency council on homelessness, in conjunction with and advisement of the department of human services and department of land and natural resources, to establish a working group to examine and develop recommendations related to the establishment of safe zones for persons experiencing homelessness. Requires the working group to submit a report to the legislature. Appropriates funds to support the working group. Takes effect 7/1/2075. (SD2)

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